Visit of World Bank team to Sardar Sarovar Project

868. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a World Bank Team proposes to visit Sardar Sarovar Project site to go into certain objections raised by environmentalists;

(b) if so, what are the objections, warranting the visit of the W.B. team; and

(c) when the team is expected to visit the area?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Independent Expert Review initiated by the World Bank is expected to go into environmental, resettlement and rehabilitation aspect of the Sardar Sarovar Project. The visit schedule of the Team is not known as yet.

Flash floods in river Wardha

869. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 500 persons were drowned in Narkhed Tehsil (Maharashtra) in flash floods in Wardha river in Jabalpur;

(b) if so, in what circustances such flash floods occurred; and what was the extent of damage to life and property caused thereby; and

(c) the steps being taken to prevent such floods in future?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

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Statement

Excessive rainfall, of 355 mm to 405 mm, occurred in the catchment of Wardha river on 28th, 29th and 30th July, 1991. It resulted into an unprecedented floods. The old village protection embankment constructed along the banks of the Wardha River gave way and flood water rushed into the villages around 4.30 A.M. on 30-7-1991. It is reported that 219 persons have drowned on account of flash floods in Wardha river in Narkhed Tehsil and suspected to have been died. So far, 132 bodies have been recovered. The damages due to flash floods in Narkhed Tehsil is as follows:—

i) Loss of lives		=219
ii) Loss of cattle—	Farm animals	—703
	Other	—514
iii) House damage—	Complete	— 3701
	Partially	—410
iv) Damage to agricultural land	— Orchards	- 186.41 hectares
	— Other land	892.7 hectacs
v) Damage to crops over the area of		1245-58 hectares

It is estimated that the total losses to the extent of Rs. 16 crores have occurred due to flash floods in Narkhed Tehsil. The loss of public property was about worth Rs. 2.3 crores.

To avoid such occurrences, the population dwelling in the existing flood zones are planned to be rehabilitated in the safer places by the State Government.

Milk sold by D.M.S.

870. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the quantity of milk sold by D.M.S. during the last three years alongwith the per litre price thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): The total quantity of milk sold by DMS and its selling price during the last three